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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- STATE BUILDING CODE

Introduced By: Representatives Edwards, Carson, Chippendale, Potter, Alzate, Solomon,
Cortvriend, and Fogarty

Date Introduced: February 17, 2023

Referred To: House Corporations

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 23-27.3 of the General Laws entitled "State Building Code" is hereby
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **23-27.3-129.4. Refrigerants.**

4 No provision of the Rhode Island building code, or other local code, may prohibit or
5 otherwise limit the use of a refrigerant designated as acceptable for use pursuant to and in
6 accordance with the provisions of 42 U.S.C. 7671k; provided any equipment containing such
7 refrigerant is listed and installed in accordance with safety standards and use conditions imposed
8 pursuant to such designation.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would bring Rhode Island building code or other local code into federal
2 compliance by prohibiting or otherwise limiting the use of refrigerants designated as acceptable
3 pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7671k as long as the refrigerant is listed and installed in accordance with the
4 designated safety standards and use conditions.

5 This act would take effect upon passage.

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